

P-443/M-87-265 APPROVING REQUEST AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of a Request by MCI to
Obsolete Satellite Business Systems' Services
in Minnesota

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) owns Satellite Business Systems (SBS). On May 1, 1987, MCI filed a petition with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) proposing to designate all services offered in SBS's tariff as obsolete, but maintaining SBS's tariff book on file in Minnesota.

On June 17, 1987, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (DPS) submitted its Report of Investigation and Recommendation to the Commission. The DPS recommended approval of MCI's request.

The Commission met on December 28, 1988 to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that MCI should be allowed to designate all SBS's services as obsolete. MCI's purchase of SBS was approved by the Commission on February 11, 1986. (Docket Nos. P-445/PA-85-784, P-445/PA-86-14). Following the purchase MCI converted all SBS customers in Minnesota to equivalent intrastate MCI services. The Commission finds that granting this request will not harm the public interest because there are no SBS customers at this time. The Commission will grant MCI's request.

Further, MCI has asked that it be allowed to maintain SBS's tariff book on file in Minnesota in the event that SBS may offer some new services in the future.

The Commission will not approve this proposal at this time. The Commission notes that Minn. Stat. § 237.07 (1988) states:

It shall be the duty of every telephone company to file with the department a schedule of its exchange rates, tolls, and charges for every kind of service, together with all rules and classifications used by it in the conduct of telephone business, all of which shall be kept on file by the department subject to public inspection.

The Commission finds that MCI owns SBS; SBS offers no services in Minnesota; and SBS has no customers in Minnesota. The Commission believes that a certificate of authority to provide telephone services at some undetermined future time by a company with a blank tariff book on file may be confusing to the public and serves no recognizable purpose. The Commission will give MCI 30 days to show cause why it should be able to maintain SBS's certificate of authority and tariff book in Minnesota.

ORDER

1. The Commission hereby approves MCI's request to designate all of SBS's services as obsolete.
2. Within 30 days of this Order, MCI shall submit a filing showing good cause for its maintaining SBS's certificate of authority to provide telephone service in Minnesota and to maintain an SBS tariff book with the Commission.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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